

# COMPLAIN OF BLIND TIGERS IN BATH COUNTY

State Officials Informed of Alleged  
Lax Enforcement of  
Liquor Laws.

## COME IN FROM WEST VIRGINIA

According to Writers, Many People  
Make Business of Importing Whis-  
ky by Motor Cars Over Mountains  
to Summer Resorts.

Within a radius of seven miles of  
its county seat, which is Warm  
Springs, Bath County is as wet as its  
name, and local opinion exists in name  
only, according to complaints that have  
come to State officials against the al-  
leged flagrant violation of the liquor  
laws in that section of the State.

Bootlegging-de-luxe is flourishing,  
the complainants declare, large quan-  
tities of liquor being constantly car-  
ried in automobiles into Bath County  
from West Virginia. One of the formal  
complaints received through the mails  
relates that the Hot Springs neighbor-  
hood, five miles south of Warm  
Springs, is teeming with blind tigers  
and itinerant bootleggers. The liquor  
sellers, the report says, are practi-  
cally all West Virginians, living near  
the State line.

So profitable have they found il-  
legal liquor selling in Bath County  
most of the men engaged in the busi-  
ness are the owners of motor cars.  
The citizens who have written to Rich-  
mond directing attention to the al-  
leged illicit liquor traffic aver that the  
bootleggers with automobiles bring  
their cars laden with flasks and jugs  
of all sizes over the West Virginia  
line daily. While delivering the wet  
goods they take orders for the mor-  
row, so that each bootlegger has sold  
the load in his car before delivering  
it. The bulk of the patronage given  
the bootleggers, the complainants say,  
comes from the summer resorts in the  
Alleghenies, the liquor sellers being  
more numerous in the neighbor-  
hood of the Hot Springs than in any  
other part of the mountain range.

## ARRESTS OF ILICIT SELLERS SAID TO BE INFRINGEMENTS

It is further asserted that the illegal  
liquor sellers are so free from molesta-  
tion that arrests for violation of the  
liquor laws are very infrequent. Many  
shacks have been set up in the wood-  
lands where liquor is dispensed over  
the bar. One complainant living at  
Hot Springs, in a communication re-  
ceived at the Capitol, gives his esti-  
mate of the Fourth of July business  
done by the blind tigers in that neigh-  
borhood. He says that guests of the  
several summer hotels and residents of  
the neighborhood of Hot Springs spent  
over the bar on that one day at least  
\$2,000.

The men who are plying the illegal  
liquor traffic, it is stated, have so lit-  
tle fear of interference that they do  
not even take the precaution to ob-  
tain license tags for them. They carry  
West Virginia automobile license  
tags, but scorn to pay a tax for operat-  
ing their portable liquor stores in Vir-  
ginia.

Bath County is represented as the  
bootleggers' paradise. His business  
centered in all counties, but he has  
as the green bay tree, according to the  
reports received here.

Bath is a border county, 120 miles  
northwest of Richmond, with a resi-  
dent population of 6,333, according to  
the last census. It is 515 miles in  
area, and a large portion of its terri-  
tory is mountainous. Summer resorts  
are numerous. Besides Warm Springs,  
the county seat, and Hot Springs, there  
are other large health resorts. Heat-  
ing Springs is but eight miles south  
of Warm Springs; Millboro Springs is  
twelve miles to the east; two miles  
west is the Millboro Depot. The  
Wallowa Springs is one mile  
south of Millboro, and Blair Springs  
is seventeen miles north of Warm  
Springs.

Great numbers of health and pleas-  
ure seekers patronize these places in  
the summer months. The Virginia Hot  
Springs, being also a winter resort, has  
a large floating population all the year  
around.

## DIES FROM INJURIES

Ernest B. Filppen Passes Away at  
Virginia Hospital.

Ernest B. Filppen, 1603 North  
Thirty-fourth Street, who was seri-  
ously burned while filling the tank of  
his motorcycle on Thursday night, died  
yesterday at the Virginia Hospital.  
Filppen was filling his tank at Twen-  
ty-first and Marshall Streets. A match,  
nearly extinguished, caused the explo-  
sion, it is said. Filppen was enveloped  
in flames and was terribly burned  
about his whole body before the fire  
was beaten out by bystanders.

Filppen was president of the Rich-  
mond Motorcycle Club, and was a  
cycle racer of some note. He was em-  
ployed as a law clerk in the firm of  
Munford, Hunton, Williams and Ander-  
son.

The funeral will be held from the  
residence this afternoon.

## PLACED UNDER PEACE BOND

Philip Johnson Tried on Trespass War-  
rant Issued by Adeline Daniels.

Philip Johnson, colored, was tried  
yesterday morning by Magistrate T.  
J. Puryear, of Henrico, on a trespass  
warrant sworn out by Adeline Daniels,  
also colored, and placed under a \$50  
peace bond, pending the settlement of  
a land dispute between them. It seems  
undisputed that Johnson owns an interest in  
undivided tract of land now occupied  
by Adeline Daniels, and in which she  
has a life interest as the widow of one  
John Johnson. Johnson claims cer-  
tain rights as a shareholder, and a few  
days ago, in an effort to get to  
a well on the place, broke the lock on  
a gate. The warrant followed, and  
was executed by Policeman J. P. Sho-  
maker.

## FOR ICE MISSION

Little Girls Send Their Tithes for Much  
Needed Relief.

Contributions to the City Ice Mis-  
sion fund continue to come into the  
Times-Dispatch, and much relief is  
being afforded to the poor. Several  
little girls, whose names are given be-  
low, have given their tithes and helped  
to swell the fund, which is so much  
needed.

The contributions follow:  
Theresa Engelberg, Ethel Waller-  
stein, Louise Schwarzschild, Henriette  
Greenbaum, Sis Marcase, Kathryn  
Gleason and Miriam Detlebach, \$6.71;  
Thomas Atkinson, Jr., \$1; received yes-  
terday, \$9.71; previously acknowledged,  
\$145.56; total received, \$155.27.

Leave for New York To-Day.  
Signal Operator Frank I. Gentry, of  
the police telegraph station, will leave  
for New York to-day. He will be ac-  
companied by Mrs. Gentry and Mrs.  
Mary J. Campbell. The party will  
spend two weeks in and around Man-  
hattan Island. Officer Gentry has ob-  
tained a vacation furlough and is en-  
joying it to sightseeing and recrea-  
tion.

# Boys from All Parts of Virginia at State Y. M. C. A. Camp



## BOYS ENJOY LIFE IN STATE Y. M. C. A. CAMP

Youngsters Are Comfortably Quarters  
Near Natural Bridge—Fourth of  
July Celebration.

The Fourth of July national holiday  
was celebrated at the State Y. M. C. A.  
camp for boys near Natural Bridge by  
the presentation of a Bible and an  
American flag to the camp by represen-  
tatives of the Jr. O. U. S. M. of Lynch-  
burg and by various athletic and swim-  
ming events. Several hundred people  
visited the camp, and all were treated  
with the utmost hospitality. The boys  
have won the hearts of the mountain  
people by their cordial manner, and to  
them has been granted free entrance  
into cherry and apple orchards, in  
which the surrounding country  
abounds.

Scarcely less enjoyable than the  
Fourth celebration was the great play  
festival which was given by the campers  
to the countryside on Saturday,  
June 26, when nearly the entire popu-  
lation, including babies and dogs,  
were guests of the boys and their  
leaders. A real minstrel show was put  
on by the Lynchburg delegation of  
boys, while the camp glee club sang  
and cheered until their voices were  
hoarse. Refreshments were afterward  
served to the visitors.

The keynote of the camp and the  
note which is making it successful is  
co-operation. Before this year, each  
association held its own camp, on an  
individualistic scale and with the con-  
sequent drawbacks. Now the camp  
equipment and location are furnished  
by the one big camp of the whole State.  
The boys themselves co-operate with  
the leaders in maintaining healthful  
and orderly conditions. In co-operat-  
ing with the country people the boys  
have made a hospitable race even more  
hospitable by their frequent social af-  
fairs and manifestations of good will.  
The camp closes on July 25.

During the week of June 22 to June  
25 the older boys' conference was held,  
and there were representatives from  
every section of the State. Among  
those present from Richmond were  
George Sipp, Jr., T. West Pleasant, Earl  
Dunford and Jesse C. Duke. There are  
about fifty boys in camp, with dele-  
gations constantly arriving and depart-  
ing as their time expires.

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## ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

Civic Association to Choose Successor  
to E. L. Bemiss, Resigned.

The Civic Association of Richmond  
will elect a new president at a meet-  
ing of the executive committee to be  
held to-morrow night, to succeed E. L.  
Bemiss, who resigned to take mem-  
bership on the Charter Changes Com-  
mittee. The meeting will be held in the  
Virginia Mechanics' Institute at 8:15  
o'clock.

A systematic campaign in the good  
government movement has been al-  
ready planned. Meetings will be held  
from time to time, to which the public  
will be invited, the speakers being  
provided by the Civic Association.

The first of these public meetings  
is scheduled for Monday night in Glin-  
ter Park. Ben W. Wilson, represent-  
ing the association, will be one of the  
principal speakers. Among the speak-  
ers for subsequent meetings are Dr. D.  
R. Anderson and Dr. Walter S. McNeill,  
of Richmond College; Clinton R. Wood-  
ruff, secretary of the National Muni-  
cipal League; Howard L. McBain, of  
New York, a former Richmonder; Le  
Roy Hodges, of Washington, and Mayor  
George Ansley.

It is probable that one of the vice-  
presidents of the Civic Association  
will be chosen to succeed Mr. Bemiss,  
and Dr. Stuart McGuire, first vice-  
president, is prominently mentioned in  
this connection.

## WILL HEAR PROPERTY OWNERS

Board of Assessors Now at Work on  
Highland Park Property.

The Board of Assessors of Richmond  
will reply in the next few days to the  
protest of Madison ward property  
owners against the 1915 assessments.  
It is probable that the board will grant  
the hearing asked for before the end  
of this week. The committee repre-  
senting the property owners was in-  
formed by the assessors that the subject  
of complaint would receive immediate  
attention and that a date for a hearing  
would be fixed as soon as the board  
could give proper consideration to the  
matter.

The assessors are now busily en-  
gaged with the new assessments in  
Highland Park, where they have ad-  
vanced assessments in some instances  
from \$10 to \$15 a foot on building  
lots.

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## MEMBERS OF STAFF WILL MEET PARTY AT CHICAGO

Governor Stuart to Be Welcomed on  
His Journey Back to  
Virginia.

### LEAVES SAN FRANCISCO TO-DAY

Blues Also Leave To-Day by Different  
Route, Going to Los Angeles Be-  
fore Starting Homeward Journey.  
Blues Arrive Here July 25.

Members of Governor Stuart's staff,  
who were unable to accompany him to  
the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San  
Francisco are planning to meet the  
executive party at Chicago on their  
eastward journey. Colonel Warren P.  
Taylor is at the head of the movement,  
and has written to the other members  
of the staff now in Virginia, outlining  
the plan.

Yesterday Colonel J. R. Paschall, of  
Richmond, indicated his intention to  
accompany Governor Stuart to Chicago,  
and several others will probably go.  
Those unable to make the trip to  
Chicago will be invited to meet Gov-  
ernor Stuart in Washington on the af-  
ternoon of July 24, and act as addi-  
tional escorts of the commander-in-  
chief the remainder of the way to  
Richmond.

Colonel Taylor, who is quartermaster  
on the staff, and as such in charge of  
the schedule for the itinerary, last  
night announced a change in the home-  
ward journey, which will give the Gov-  
ernor and his party a more comfortable  
trip. Instead of leaving Ogden, Utah,  
6:15 o'clock in the morning of Wednes-  
day, July 21, the Governor's private car  
will be attached to a Union Pacific  
train leaving Ogden at 1:20 o'clock in  
the afternoon, arriving at Omaha,  
Nebr., at 7:25 o'clock on July 22. The  
arrival in Chicago under the new ar-  
rangement will be at 9:15 o'clock on  
the morning of July 23.

### LUNCHEON TO GOVERNOR WHILE IN CHICAGO

The Chicago Chamber of Commerce  
is arranging for a luncheon in honor of  
the Governor, and will take the party  
on an automobile tour of the city.  
Governor Dunne, of Illinois, and Mayor  
Thompson, of Chicago, have been in-  
vited to meet Governor Stuart at the  
luncheon. From Chicago the Vir-  
ginians will come directly to Washing-  
ton, arriving there at 4:40 in the af-  
ternoon of Saturday, July 24. They  
are due in Richmond that night at 9:30.

In San Francisco to-day the Governor  
parts company with his military escort,  
which left Richmond with him on July  
2. The Blues, under command of Major  
Bowles, leave San Francisco at noon,  
going to Del Monte, Santa Barbara and  
Los Angeles, and thence to San Diego.  
Governor Stuart leaves the exposition  
city at 5 o'clock this afternoon. His  
party will stop only at Los Angeles  
on the way to San Diego. The Blues  
are due in Richmond on the morning  
of July 25, the day following the Gov-  
ernor's return.

Harrison—Dedman.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WELDON, N. C., July 10.—William  
E. Harrison and Miss Pearl F. Ded-  
man, both of Petersburg, Va., were  
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# JURY INCLINES TOWARD THEORY OF SUICIDE

Indeterminate Verdict Is Returned  
in Case of Joseph Kra-  
nitzky.

## NO MOTIVE FOUND FOR MURDER

Jacob A. Childrey Unable to Say  
What Day It Was He Found Miss-  
ing Boat, Half on Land, at Lake-  
side Park.

An indeterminate verdict was re-  
turned yesterday afternoon by the  
coroner's jury investigating the death  
of Joseph Kranitzky, whose dead body,  
weighted down with an iron pot filled  
with stones and broken pieces of  
cement, was found at the bottom of  
Lakeside pond on the night of July 1.  
The verdict was signed by Coroner J.  
Fulmer Bright, physician, and W. S.  
Warriner, B. A. Watkins, E. E. Melton,  
W. B. Frayser, J. A. Clarke and W. J.  
Ford.

Chief doubt as to whether it was a  
case of murder or suicide lay in the  
testimony of Jacob A. Childrey, one of  
the keepers at Lakeside, who, while de-  
claring that he found a missing boat  
landed half-way on the shore, could  
not remember upon what day the boat  
was thus found by him. His evidence

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threw no further light on the case, and  
served only the more to confuse the  
minds of the jurors.

The verdict stated that the jury was  
unable to determine from the evidence  
whether it were suicide or murder, but  
the members were inclined to the be-  
lief that Kranitzky committed suicide.

No motive has been furnished upon  
which to base the murder theory, while  
all the evidence points to the theory  
that, with all his plans carefully laid,  
Kranitzky himself tied the weighted  
pot about his waist, then shot himself  
through the left lung and plunged  
headforemost into the water. It is  
generally believed by the city detec-  
tives who have investigated the case  
that a murderer would not have taken  
the pains and trouble to kill Kranitzky,  
tie a weighted iron pot about him and

then lug him into a boat, later to be  
dropped into the water.

On the other hand, it has been testi-  
fied that Kranitzky was practically  
without funds and was despondent. He  
had engaged in business with his  
brother, it is said, and had signed over  
his share of the property to Alex  
Kranitzky, receiving notes in payment.  
Later Alex took the bankruptcy law,  
and the notes given to Joseph were  
made, it is said, practically worthless.  
Detective Sergeant Willy, of the Rich-  
mond Police Headquarters, who has  
made a thorough investigation of the  
case, strongly inclines to the suicide  
theory. He is a man of much experi-  
ence in criminal matters, and has had  
uniform success in solving murder  
mysteries. For that reason much  
weight is given to his opinion.

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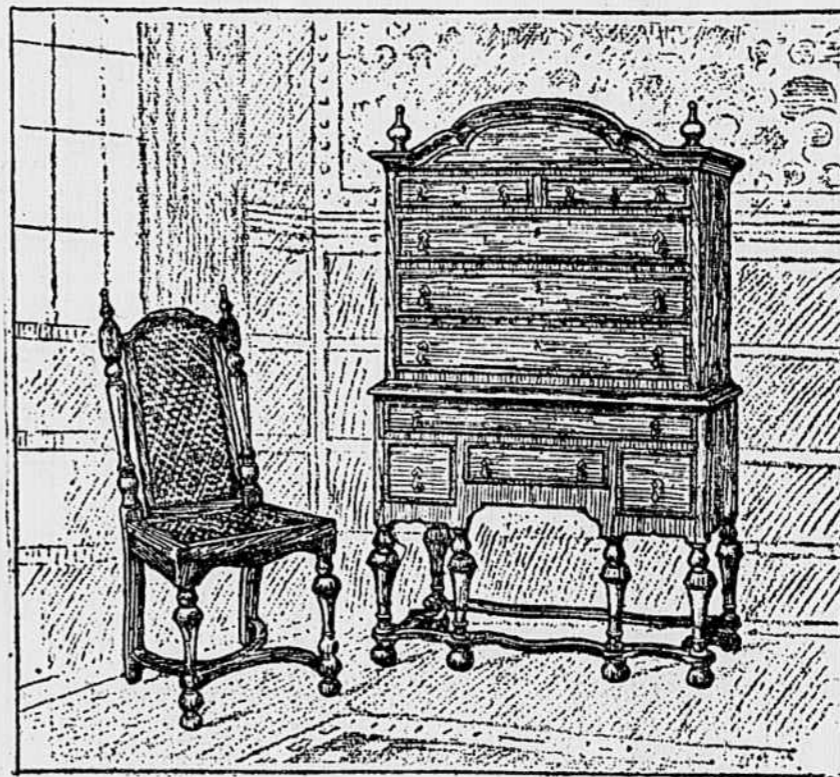
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